NO TAX ON ENDIVIDED PROFITS OF NATIONAL BANKS.

Collection Suspended Pending an Appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

WASHINGTON, July 12.-The acting commissioner of internal revenue has issued instructions suspending temporarily the collection of taxes on undivided profits of national banks under the war revenue act. The banks fought the contention of the government that undivided profits were part of the surplus of banks, and the Leather Manufacturers' National Bank of Treat to prevent collection of the tax. The Circuit Court decided in favor of the govderstanding that if the court sustained the government the tax would be collected. swer to questions by Dr. Wilkins, the Now, however, the bank in the test case has appealed to the Supreme Court, and the acting commissioner to-day instructed Collector Treat to suspend collection until the return of Commissioner Yerkes, when general instructions will be issued to all

The acting commissioner of internal revenue has issued instructions covering artificial tests for coloring matter in oleomargarine. Detailed directions are given for making tests to discover coloring matter principally used in coloring oleomargarine. The circular says: "If a sample gives negative results by both tests above described, it may be safely concluded that it is free from artificial coloration. If it responds to either test, or if there is any doubt as to the results obtained, the samples should be forwarded to this office for ×××

The Treasury Department has instructed the collector of internal revenue at New try may be able to purchase stamps in payment of internal revenue taxes. By this of vexatious delays to incoming passengers will be avoided.

United States Consul McWade, at Canton, cabled the State Department, to-day, that cholera is raging in all towns along the Kweilen river, in Kwan-Si province. died in Pinglok and over 10,000 in Kwelian.

Secretary Moody to-day cabled to Rear Admiral Wildes, the ranking admiral in Philippine waters, instructing him to place which have been engaged in patrol duty in action is part of the movement recently decided on to reduce the active naval force on the Asiatic station. It will furnish a considerable number of officers and men to duties to be performed. Orders, also, have She will come to the New York navy yard. It is probable the gunboat Princeton also, will be withdrawn from the Asiatic station in a short time.

her arrival at that port on the ground that she was likely to become a public charge. All the members of Madame Batiste's fami-Her condition excited the sympathy of over the Vandalia and Pennsylvania lines Gustav Schwab and other prominent New | from St. Louis for \$20 each to Atlantic City Yorkers and they appealed to the secretary and to New York and return, and from of the treasury, offering to guarantee that | Chicago over the Pennsylvania lines for she would not become a public charge. In | \$18 each to Atlantic City and to New York view of these assurances the Treasury De- | and return. partment has decided that she is not likely to become a public charge and she will be permitted to land to-day in the custody of

Secretary of the Navy Moody to-day cabled orders to Commander Rodgers, of Fields and Greytown, Nicaragua, and report the situation at those points by cable; then to sail for Colon on the Isthmus of | with the Toledo & Chicago Transfer Rail-Panama to relieve the gunboat Machias, road, which is now in course of construcdirecting him to proceed to Cape Haytien when relieved by the Marietta. The dispatch of the Marietta to Nicaragua is the result of reports of unrest to the State Department at the points named.

general trip he will go to Chicago to confer with party leaders and especially with Hon. Ben T. Cable, who will have charge country west of the Alleghanies, Mr. Cable is now in Europe, but is expected to return soon.

x x x The controller of the treasury to-day overruled the auditor of the War Department in the claim of the State of Maryland for expenses incurred in raising troops for the Spanish war. Of a claim for \$6,742, the auditor allowed only \$1,110. The controller decided that the allowance should have been

The contract made by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission to keep the fair closed on Sunday in compliance with the act creating the commission was received at the Treasury Department to-day. It was signed by fifty-four commissioners.

First Lieutenant Mathew Hanna, Second Cavalry, has been ordered to Havana, Cuba, for duty as military attache at the United States legation. This detail was General Wood while the latter was military Governor of Cuba,

of the Washington office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to succeed the late Morell Marean. Mr. Taff formerly was assistant manager of the Washington

The Navy Department has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Crowninshield commanding the European station, announcing his departure yesterday from Gravesend aboard his flagship, Illinois, and this month. The secretary is in serious accompanied by the cruiser San Francisco need of rest and proposes to take a short the Chicago and the Albany.

## BARTENDER'S VENGEANCE.

He Kills Wife, Mother-in-Law and a

Man, and Wounds Father-in-Law. PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.-In a mad desire for vengeance in return for real or supposed wrongs, A. L. Belding, a bartender, shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law and a male inmate of the house and fatally wounded his father-in-law. The dead are: Mrs. L. McCroskey, his mother-in-law; Frank Woodworth, an inmate of the Mc-Croskey house; Mrs. A. L. Belding, his wife. Mr. L. McCroskey, his father-in-law,

was fatally wounded. lived with his wife for some time. He died at the hospital here. The murderer country. Five of the widows are brides was jealous of Woodworth, whom he sus- escaped. pected was on intimate terms with Mrs. Belding. Going to the McCroskey home, at the corner of Fifth and Flanders streets, he gained admittance and meeting Woodworth in the hallway, drew a revolver in each hand, exclaiming: "You first," specialty of Diamonds. J. P. MULLALLY, fired a shot. Woodworth fell to the floor Jeweler and Manufacturer, 28 Monument mortally wounded. Mrs. Belding rushed place.

the infuriated man. Then the parents of both shot by Belding. After his bloody work was finished Bel-

Mrs. Belding came to the hallway and were ding walked out of the house and gave himself up. When asked for the cause of the terrible crime, Belding simply said: "These people have been misusing me for years and I am sorry that I did not kill them all. They are a bad lot."

# BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

They Hold Patriotic Exercises and

Then Take a Sail on the Bay. PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 12.-After the morning prayer meeting, the convention of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union of America, held in the First Baptist Church, was addressed by Rev. F. P. Fuller, of Detroit. The exercises at Infantry Hall began with a praise service, followed by an address, "Salutation of the Flags," by Rev.

Dr. F. L. Wilkins, Gloucester, Mass. A patriotic exercise which aroused an immediately after the close of the address. In the presence of nearly 3,000 people, Dr. Wilkins read the roll, and one by one the speaker, was advanced to the platform. While each banner was held aloft, in anf the young peoples' work in his State, its methods of organization and the plans and tire body of delegates went on an excursion down Narragansett bay.

PHENOMENAL TIME BY THE "TWEN-TIETH CENTURY LIMITED."

481 Miles in 460 Minutes-Fast Run to Elkhart.

CHICAGO, July 12.-Reeling off 481 miles York to have an internal revenue officer in 460 minutes the "Twentieth Century to Schmidt. Although they were backing provided with stamps at the piers upon the Limited" on the Lake Shore & Michigan arrival of incoming steamers in order that | Southern road to-day smashed records for | secret accounts. Why Exner acted in the fast running on that system and verified assertions made by officials that a sixteenmeans it is believed that one of the causes | hour schedule could, if necessary, be maintained between Chicago and New York. The train, forty-five miles west of Buffalo, was two hours and 28 minutes behind its of conviction and seems to have believed schedule and then it was that the engineers were given a clear track and ordered to make their best time over the various di-The consul says that 3,000 persons have visions. The train covered the 134 miles beutes. From Cleveland to Toledo the engineer passed over the 113 miles at some points at a speed reaching ninety miles an hour, covering the distance in 103 minutes. The run to Elkhart, Ind., 133 miles, was covered in 115 minutes. The run into Chicago from Elkhart was slower on account | Morgan. The marks of Emperor William's passing through three towns, where the speed of trains is limited by ordinance. reinforce the present quota on the station, | fourteen grade railroad crossings in Chi- | with Emperor William about Herr Balling which is not at all commensurate with the | cago. Despite these delays the 101 miles was covered in 111 minutes and the train, been sent forward for the supply ship which was due in the city at 9:45 a. m., ar-Arthusia, now at Cavite, from the station. rived at the Grand Central Station only asked with a teasing smile, "Why not for twenty-eight minutes late.

Low Excursion Rates.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 12.-The Vandalia and Pennsylvania lines announce that competition in low excursion rates from Chito New York on July 17 and 31 and Aug. 7 nounced by General Passenger Agent A. E. to-day excursion tickets with limit of ly were lost in the Mont Pelee disaster. | twelve days are to be sold for above dates

> To Connect with an Indiana Line. TOLEDO, O., July 12 .- The Toledo Railway and Terminal Company, which is building a line about the city, has incorporated the Toledo, Angola & Western from Toledo west to the Indiana State line

## tion across the State of Indiana.

It is believed the road is to be connected

Railway News Notes. The secretary of state of Missouri has chartered the St. Louis Terminal Depot ompany, with a capital stock of \$50,000. A third bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis will be erected by the company to connect with the new union passenger and freight depots to be built there.

A. C. Ridgeway, general manager of the line, has been selected by D. H. Moffatt as general manager of the company that is to undertake the construction of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific Railroad. Mr. Ridgeway has accepted and will assume his duties Sept. 1.

It is reported that the Southern Railway has secured or will secure the Ohio river & Charleston Railroad and will extend it from Huntdale, N. C., to Marion, N. C., to connect with the main line between Asheville and Salisbury in order to have a coal road nearer its Washington and Carolina end without the long haul from the Jellico district through Knoxville.

## ROOT AT OYSTER BAY.

Secretary of War Confers with the President on Important Matters.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 12.-Secretary Root arrived in Oyster Bay to-night on board the Kanawha from New York. He was taken in a launch directly to the President's landing, where he was welcomed made at the request of Minister Squiers, tary will remain at Sagamore Hill until Lieutenant Hanna served on the staff of late on Monday afternoon. It is expected he will then return to New York and thence go directly to Washington, arriving there H. F. Taff has been appointed manager on Tuesday morning. During the next forty-eight hours the President and Mr. Root will go over several matters of importance which have been awaiting their onsideration. Among them are the Smith and Waller court-martial cases and the Philippine friars question. The negotiations respecting the friars are in an acute stage and demand delicate handling. The President said to-night that he hoped pending questions of importance could be so arranged in the near future as to admit of Secretary Root's departure for Europe for Christiania, Norway, where he will join | European trip for the purposes of pure rec-

Col. Edwin Emerson, of the Venezuelan army, formerly a member of the President's | Suppa; Andrew and Michael Moskal, father | that I was extremely week and losing regiment of Rough Riders, accompanied by and son; John Collen; John Grobosky; Joe breath at every step. The agonizing James Tracy and John A. Ryan, of the Froncho; five unidentified; Michael Man-Second Battery of the New York National | dich, forty, married, wife and three chil-Guard, called upon the President this after- | dren; George Prabovic, fifty-three, married, oon. They were attired in Rough Rider uniforms. Subsequently they told a re- thirty, married, wife and two children; markable story of the President's Interest | George Babele, forty, married; Andrew in the case of the outlaw, Tracy, of Wash- | Babele, thirty-eight, married; Paul Overna ington State, who was represented as be- | thirty-seven, married; Martin Kubenko, ing the cousin of James Tracy. Secretary | married; Michael Cucko, thirty, married; Cortelyou afterward said that no such nversation as reported had occurred and that the name of the outlaw, Tracy, had

## Conductor Shot by Tramps.

not been mentioned.

RHINELANDER, Wis., July 12.-H. T. Young, a Chicago & Northwestern rail- | phe. According to the most reliable data way freight conductor was shot through | there are sixty-four widows and 138 chil-Belding married the daughter of the Mc. | the head to-night by one of three transps

Diamonds. Owing to my small expenses I can save you 10 per cent. on Diamonds. I make a Jeweler and Manufacturer, 28 Monument

## HIS TONGUE WAS SMOOTH The Wm. H. Block Co. The Wm. H. Block Co. The Wm. H. Block Co. The Wm. H. Block Co.

HOW ADOLF SCHWAB WRECKED THE LEIPZIGER BANK.

Fascinating Promoter Who Seemed to Have Little Trouble in Securing Millions of Marks.

BERLIN, July 12.- The ruin of the Leipziger bank that failed about a year ago for nearly 200,000,000 marks, was wrought by the fascinating personality of Adolf Schmidt, according to testimony given at the three-weeks trial of the bank's directors, now nearing its end at Leipzig. Schmidt, who was managing director of unusual degree of enthusiasm, was begun | the Trebertrocknung (grain drying company), of Cassel, a concern exploiting on an enormous scale a process of drying beer standard of each State, in the hands of a | dregs and cattle feed, pursuaded the bank specially selected bearer, accompanied by to advance during a number of years sums speaker responded giving the development | ively examined before the jury, were unable | to give a lucid explanation of their reasons expectations for future operations. Ad- for consenting to make these extraordinary journment was taken at noon and the en- | loans. Every member of the apparently well-meaning board admitted that this colossal business mistake was indefensible upon sound commercial principles. Never- Domestics, Muslin, Sheets and theless, they consented because Schmidt made them believe in the amazing possibilities and profits of the process.

Schmidt also had an invention for distilling wood alcohol by which he represented that he would obtain the monopoly of the wood alcohol of the world. His 4c FOR APRON GINGHAMS-Staple and broken checks, fast colors, regular 6c eyes were upon the American field as well | quality. as the European, and he opened negotia-Train on Lake Shore Railway Covers tions with American companies for the for- 31/2 Cwidth, regular 6c quality. sub-companies in every continental country. The alcohol invention contributed to | quality. the dazzling of the Leipzig directors who, the bank's manager, Exner, who kept | children's underwear; regular 8c quality. ally out of the scheme. Schmidt is described as having a quiet manner and a ornate language. He talks with a calm air completely in himself. He is now in jai hoping to save the bank's millions as the cutting off of Schmidt's credit would wreck the Trebertrocknung Company and result in a total loss to the bank of the sums

> The reputation in Germany of Herr Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamminister." The Emperor, tapping Count Von Buelow on the arm, is said to have

a chancellor?" This may be one of those small inventions with which the air is thick. The loyal Grenzbote declares the prevalence of unkind gossip about the Emperor in official and aristocratic circles. This periodical thinks it undermines the reverence and ree Vorwaerts, Socialist, sees therein "the natural growth of the byzantine sycohancy surrounding the Emperor," adding Courtiers crawl before him and behind his back invent impudent insults, while stupid wretches who blab insulting words about the Emperor go to jail."

During his Majesty's recent trip to Bonn he made a speech to the Borussia, his old college fraternity, against excesses in drinking, and the students have suggested ish compulsory swilling as a penalty. The student at Bonn-and a visiting member of Borussia, has since then refused to conform to the drinking requirements of the

A movement is on foot to raise a national fund to maintain the Bayreuth Opera after the copyright of "Parsifal" and other works expire. The musical world has not cleared profits on the season amounting usually to about 50,000 marks, though last year the profits were almost nothing because of the restaging of the Ring. The management complains that the expenditures are increasing, owing to the high | When the accident happened there were salaries paid by American and English opera managers. The Bayreuth management pays its soloists 96,000 marks for the last six weeks' season and the orchestra and chorus were paid 60,000 marks.

The year book of the German Shaking 1901, "Othello" leading with 134, the

Councilor Goldberger, after about eight months stay in the United States, will be- surrounding us strong and while we were gin on July 1 the publication of a series of articles in Die Woghe on American economic affairs under the title of "The Land of Unlimited Possibilities." peror William has conferred on Herr Goldberger the crown order of the second class, in recognition of his reports on his Ameri- | started to run. Rodgers and Robinson were

x x x Ernst Ruhmer, the psychist, has invented a system of wireless telephony. His experiments have been successful over a ably have saved the lives of scores of distance of three miles. The invention acts | miners. on the principle of the transformation of light waves to sound waves by using a searchlight and a microphone.

## JOHNSTOWN'S HORROR.

(CONCLUDED FROM FIRST PAGE.) men, who were pillars of strength to the congregation. The catastrophe has just about wiped out the two societies conducted in connection with the church, St. Casimirs's Society and St. Martin's Beneficial Society. For the funeral of each one of the dead men a \$50 benefit will be paid out of the fund and in addition an assesment of \$2 will have to be collected from each member. The blow will be a hard one because our church is just being built and ought to be dedicated some time in Octo-

Following is a list of the dead taken from the mine to-day: Peter Warcola; John and Peter Sandor, brothers; Mike and Peter wife and three children; John Lacko, Charles Spontac, thirty-three, married Martin Vrebdo, thirty-three married. Friends of the dead miners and employes who lost their lives on Thursday have been going over the list of dead with a view of learning the number of widows

and fatherless children left behind, and who will be made helpless by the catastrodren. Of this number there are five widows of a few months and eight widows and twenty-four children are survivors of who were expecting to have them come as is hoped.

GREAT SALE OF

Colored Wash Goods Muslin Underwear There is no stock in the city, very few in the

#### country, to compare with ours just now. SPECIALS FOR MONDAY:

MERCERIZED GRENADINES-They are ALL-LINEN BATISTES-The genuine as handsome as the all-silk, black, with colored stripes, 31 inches wide, the 30 made over colors, the 39c quality.....25 colored stripes, 31 inches wide, the 39 LACE STRIPED DOTTED SWISSESwhite and tinted grounds, embroidered in dots, with lace stripes, printings, in 29

black and colors, the 50c quality ..... BLACK EMBROIDERED SILK MOUSSE-LINES-32 inches wide, embroidered in silk dots, our regular 50c quality....39 RIBBON TISSUES-A very fine sheer cloth, with satin ribbon stripes, white grounds, with printings in black and colors, 25

the 40c quality .....

SILK AND LINEN BATISTE-44 inches LINEN ETAMINES-Plain and stripes, in | CORDED AND STRIPED LAWNS-Neat and dainty printings, in every col-

#### of 100 pieces, 19c quality ...... DIMITIES-The best American make, some with satin stripes, a large variety of printings, 15c and 19c quality .... BATISTES-An extra fine cloth, up-to-date printing, in every color, the 190 quality ..... BATISTE-Your choice of 100 pieces, 15c quality, in every style and

LACE-STRIPED TISSUE-With colored

mercerized stripes, very new and stylish,

DOTTED SWISSES-Plain and printed ef-

fects, in every color, your choice

# Pillow Cases

4c FOR PRINTS, standard cloth, fast colors, black, garnet, light and dark blue grounds, fine line styles, regular 6c

FOR DOMET FLANNEL-Good

4 /2 Cwide, free from specks, regular 60 FOR MUSLIN-Bleached, yard wide, 4 egular 6c quality.

know how much the bank had really loaned to Schmidt. Although they were backing 51/2 cfree from dressing, heavy round Schmidt's schemes they were deceived by thread; no better made for pillow cases or

FOR MUSLIN, bleached, yard wide, soft longcloth finish, fine for summer underwear, regular 81/20 quality. FOR MUSLIN, bleached, HOPE, BLACKSTONE, Cabot and other

FOR CAMBRIC MUSLIN, yard wide, regular 8c quality. 10c FOR PILLOW CASES, made of regular heavy pillow case muslin,

size 42 and 45x36, regular price 121/2c. 39c FOR SHEETS, made of heavy 9-4 unbleached sheeting, regular 55c 45c FOR SHEETS, bleached, size 81x 90, heavy round thread, regular 60c

# White Goods Bargains

VICTORIA LAWN, 30 inches wide, 41/2 our regular 10c quality, per yard .... PERSIAN LAWN, 25c quality, per 12 1/2 PERSIAN LAWN, 39c quality,

SEA ISLAND BATISTE, our regular 15 price 250, in this sale, per yard..... PALE SWISS MULL, the genuine imported, makes handsome street dresses, and also for evening wear, 30 inches wide, 20 30c quality, per yard......20 FOR MUSLIN-Unbleached, yard 20c quality, per yard......12

INDIA LINON, 30 inches wide, 8c 41/2 INDIA LINON, 30 inches wide, 15c INDIA LINON, 32 inches wide, 25c12 1/2 INDIA LINON, 33 inches wide, 33c

bination, 27 inches wide, for waists and dresses, regular 20c quality...... CORDED MUSLIN, 33 inches wide, for a dainty waist or dress, 20c quality, 19 per yard..... FANCY SWISS, with open work, cord and stripe, 20c quality, per

#### Laces

FINE VALENCIENNES LACES, Edges and Insertions, regular 5c to 10c qualities; special, per yard..... POINT DE PARIS LACES, 3 to 51/2 inches wide, our regular 10c to 19c qualities; special, per yard.....

SALE OF

You'll be greatly pleased with the workmanship, qualities and greatly surprised at the large variety of styles. . . . . . . .

#### LOWEST PRICES MONDAY

in all the late tints, the 50c qualarmholes and neck trimmed with embroidery or lace, our 25c quality. 12 two to a customer..... CORSET COVERS-full front and tight-fitting, embroidery or lace trimmed, 39c quality ..... CORSET COVERS-full front, four rows of Val. insertion across the front, neck and armholes trimmed with lace 39 and ribbon, our 50c quality..... CORSET COVERS-of fine nainsook, French style, trimmed with fine Val. lace and embroidery, 1.35 qual- 98 UMBRELLA DRAWERS of cambric, deep flounce, trimmed with Val. cluster of tucks above, 40c quality ..... DRAWERS of cambric, with wide embroidery flounce, another style trimmed with lace, 50c quality..... DRAWERS of fine cambric, trimmed with Point de Paris lace and insertion, 49

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS-deep

cluster of tucks above, 15c qual-

500 DOZEN CORSET COVERS-full front, | GOWNS of good muslin, square yoke, trimmed with embroidery or lace, carefully made, 65c quality..... 50 DOZEN GOWNS of muslin, hemstitched yoke, trimmed with embroidery insertion, hemstitched lawn ruffle in neck and sleeves, 75c quality.......59 GOWNS of fine nainsook or cambric, trimmed with lace or embroidery, ut 1.39 to 2.00 quality.....

SKIRTS of cambric, deep lawn flounce, hemstitched hem, ten rows of tucks above, 75c quality (two the 39

SKIRTS of cambric, knee flounce, two rows of torchon insertion, lace edge, ex- 08 tra dust ruffle, 1.50 quality...... IMBRELLA SKIRTS of very best cambric, two rows of embroidery insertion, wide edge to match, 3.00 qual 1.98 25 STYLES OF FINE SKIRTS-trimmed with embroidery or lace, up 2.98 to 5.00 quality, in our sale at .....

# Rear Bargain Table

hem.

25c RIBBONS-Special, per yard......

ALL-SILK WASH TAFFETA ALL-SILK SATIN TAFFETA ALL-SILK MOUSSELINE TAFFETA

FANCY STRIPES, 31/2 to 4 inches wide, in all the colors, including white and black.

15c RIBBONS-Special, per yard .....

ALL-SILK TAFFETA HEMSTITCHED EDGES, plain taffeta and fancy stripes, 31/8 to 31/2 inches wide, white, pink, light blue, turquoise, maize and black and white.

# The Wm. H. Block Co. The Wm. H. Block Co.

money to pay for their passage. Some of the young men who were unmarried were also known to be the sole support of nothers and sisters who could well be numered among the helpless ones to be looked

EXPERIENCE OF SURVIVORS.

John Retallick and Harry Rodgers

Tell of Their Escape. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 12 .- John Retallick, fire boss of the Seventh district, and Mine Foreman Harry Rodgers, both of whom were in the Klondike mine when the explosion occurred, were so far recovered this evening from the effects of the after lamp as to be able to tell of their terrible experience. Both men were in the Conemaugh Memorial Hospital, but will soon be able to return to their homes. Retallick emphatically said the explosion was caused Crown Prince Frederick William, who is a by blasting, a shot setting off the fire "When I went to work Thursday morning there were about 200 miners at work in the mine. From the very latest informaon that I can gather there are yet about twelve entombed in the mine. These men

are in the headings, which it is still impossible to reach on account of the gases. "I was in No. 6 right but two hours be fore the damaging explosion occurred. left that part of the mine and went out t something had occurred. Our belief was confirmed in a minute when we heard men scrambling in all directions for a place of safety. Quickly I realized there was no avenue of escape except to get to the air time and could save all the men. We immediately went down the main entrance in 'Merchant of Venice' coming next with the Klondike. There were with me at that 115, "Romeo and Juliet" was third with 83, time William Robinson, who has charge Midsummer Night's Dream" was of the mining machinery; Henry Rodgers, fourth with 79, and "Hamlet" fifth with 73. foreman of the mine; William Blanche, John Whitney, Joseph Tomlinson, the other boss, and a Hungarian miner whom I did not know. The after damp was then going to No. 1 right Whitney fell. We ried to assist him, but he was gone, and

before their bodies are recovered. They

then for the first time we thought of our own safety. "Tomilson was the second man to fall, nd I felt my knees giving away but made another strenuous effort to stand and keeping in close touch to me and neither were saying a word. We knew of a split of air at No. 1 right, and if we had been able to reach that point we could have thrown that down in the mine and prob-

"While walking around, or rather groping our way in the darkness I never heard such sounds arise from human beings as the breathing of those miners. It was all that could be heard except for an occasional shriek or groan. Men were walking and crawling everywhere. Many were crying, some were praying, others expressing wishes to see their wives and families before they died, and only half conscious as was, only my death will blot that time from my memory. Then the after damp swept in about us stronger and the men began dropping as beeves at a slaughter. After they fell they would make one or two final gasps and then die. From No. 3 right, which point we had reached with great deal of difficulty, we headed back No. 5 right, near where the downcast fan is located, which sends the air through the Mill creek shaft. While trying to gain this point I lost consciousness and do not know what occured until I was brought out from the mine and placed in the hosital. The last that I can remember was groans of the dying men in my ears worried me and I sank down perfectly resigned to Mine Foreman Rodgers relates a some-

## REPUBLICAN LEAGUE MEETING.

what similar experience.

Senator Beveridge and Secretary Root Will Be Orators.

CHICAGO, July 12.-Isaac Miller Ham-Republican Clubs, to-day announced that acceptances have been received from the majority of Republican Governors to at-Croskeys eight years ago, but has not who were stealing a ride on his train. He and eighteen children living in the old tend the annual convention of the league. American employes of the mines which are | dications are that St. Louis will get the wives and children in the old country and | tion unless President Roosevelt is present, 115 Boer officers who were prisoners of war

RIVAL CLAIMS TO A GUANO ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC.

Japanese Are Working It and an American Has a Title to It-State Department Records.

HONOLULU, July 3 .- It is not unlikely that international complications may ensue between the United States and Japan as the result of local people taking possession of Marcus island, a small guano island lying about 2,800 miles west of Honolulu and about 1,000 miles southeast of Yokohama. An expedition is to leave here next week under command of Capt. A. A. Rosehill for the purpose of occupying the island, as Rosehill was recently granted title to the island by the United States.

If the experience of Captain Pierce, of the transport Sheridan, is to be taken as an indication, the services of an American warship may be necessary to place Rosehill in possession of the island. About fourteen months ago Captain Pierce stopped at Marcus island for the purpose of adjusting his instruments. He headed a party and went ashore in the steam launch. He was met on the beach by about twenty Japanese, many of whom were armed with rifles, and who ordered the Americans t leave the island at once. Seeing that the display of firearms did not frighten the visitors, the spokesman of the Japanese produced what purported to be an official document from the Japanese government and flourished this paper before Captain Pierce. An exploration of the island disclosed the fact that the Japanese were evidently a work obtaining guano. Captain Pierce made no attempt to molest the Japanese. He was then not aware of Rosehill's claim. Captain Rosehill ex-

STATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS. Capt. Rosehill's Title May Not Be Sup-

pects to sail for his island on July 11.

ported by the Government. WASHINGTON, July 12.-An inspection of the government records of what are known as "Guano island" entries discloses the fact that in 1889 Captain Rosehill, an American citizen, lodged notice of the discovery by him of Marcus island, in the western Pacific, and claimed the right to exploit it for guano. The State Department is not required by the law governing guano island entries to pass on the sufficiency of any such claim as that made by Captain

Another section of the law requires the claimant to take out a bond, the purpose of which is to see that he does not charge an exorbitant price for the guano; that the island claimed by him did not belong to any other country and that he will vacate it when he has taken away the guano. There is no such a thing as a fee simple title to the island; the government merely affirms the right of the claimant to take the guano It is the general opinion that these guan titles are of extremely doubtful force, and it is the further opinion that it is only nec essary to maintain title that the island claimed should be continuously occupied and explored for guano by the claimant which does not appear to have been the case with Marcus island. Therefore, if the Japanese are working the island, as reported, it is improbable that the United States government will interfere.

Wounded Negro Kills His Enemy. WICHITA, Kan., July 12.-When Willis Bartlett, a prominent negro, went home, at 11 o'clock to-night, he saw a man under his kitchen table with a double-barreled shotgun. Before he could get away both triggers were pulled. Wounded, he called his wife to bring him his revolver, continuing in a hand-to-hand struggle with his assail ant. In the meantime Mrs. Bartlett handed the revolver to her husband, who shot his enemy through the heart. When a light was brought the dead man was found to be Luther Henry Crosswaite, Bartlett's iton, president of the National League of | brother-in-law. He had crawled into the house to kill Mrs. Crosswaite, who had separated from him and gone to live with her brother.

Boers En Route to New York. HAMILTON, Bermuda, July 12 .- The outgoing steamer Pretoria, which left for New York to-day had among her passengers Mr. numbered among the dead. There are a convention and that it will be held the first | Mulloy, of Chicago, (who went to South number of dead foreigners who are com- week in October. Senator Beveridge will Africa with the Boer Red Cross Ambulance paratively newcomers to the country and make the chief address and Secretary of who was wounded in an early engagement, to Johnstown who are believed to have War Root will speak for the administra- and who, later, was taken prisoner), and

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